

CITY COUNCIL

The City of Orange Township, New Jersey

DATE February 20, 2024

NUMBER 111-2024

TITLE:

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION GREEN ACRES 2023 URBAN PARKS GRANT – METCALF PARK IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT #0717-23-UPG IN THE AMOUNT OF \$500,000.00.

WHEREAS, the City of Orange Township applied for and obtain a grant from the Green Acres 2023 Urban Parks Grant Program;

WHEREAS, on February 3, 2023, the City of Orange Township approved Resolution No. 108-2023 to submit various applications received from the State of New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Green Acres Urban Parks Grant; and

WHEREAS, on June 15, 2023 the State of New jersey Department of Environmental Protection Green Acres 2023 Urban Parks Grant advised the City of Orange Township that it had been selected to receive funding for the Fiscal Year 2023 Urban Parks Grant Award; and

WHEREAS, the City of Orange Township hereby accepts the funds under the Green Acres 2023 Urban Parks Grant Award in the amount of \$500,000.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Municipal Council does hereby authorize the Mayor to accept funding from the State of New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Green Acres Urban Parks Grant #0717-23-UPG for the fiscal year 2023.

Adopted: **February 20, 2024**

Joyce L. Lanier
City Clerk

Tency A. Eason
Council President

CITY COUNCIL

The City of Orange Township, New Jersey

DATE February 21, 2023

NUMBER 108-2023

TITLE:

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPLICATION OF A GRANT BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND ENGINEERING FROM THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION GREEN ACRES PROGRAMS FOR ORANGE MULTI-PARKS.

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Green Acres Program ("State"), is providing grants through the Urban Parks initiative; and

WHEREAS, the City of Orange Township desires to further the public interest by obtaining grant funding in the amount of \$500,000.00 from the State to fund the following project: to make improvements to Metcalf Park at a cost of \$1,015,090.00;

WHEREAS, the State shall determine if the application is complete and in conformance with the scope and intent of the Urban Parks initiative, and notify the applicant of the amount of the funding award; and

WHEREAS, the applicant is willing to use the State's funds in accordance with applicable policies and laws, and is willing to enter into an agreement with the State for the above-named project;

NOW, THEREFORE THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ORANGE TOWNSHIP resolves that Honorable Mayor DWAYNE D. WARREN, ESQ. , or his designee the successor to the office of the Mayor is hereby authorized to:

- (a) make application for such a grant,
- (b) provide additional application information and furnish such documents as may be required, and
- (c) act as the authorized correspondent of the above-named applicant; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ORANGE TOWNSHIP

1. That **MAYOR DWAYNE D. WARREN, ESQ.**, of the above named body is hereby authorized to execute an agreement and any amendment thereto with the State known as the Metcalf Park Improvement Project;
2. That, in the event the State's funds are less than the total project cost specified above, the applicant has the balance of funding necessary to complete the project;
3. That the applicant agrees to comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, rules, and regulations in its performance of the project; and
4. That this resolution shall take effect immediately.

Adopted: February 21, 2023


 Joyce E. Lanier
 Municipal Clerk


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June 15, 2023

Honorable Dwayne Warren
Mayor, Orange City Township
29 N Day Street, 2nd Floor
Orange, NJ 07050

RE: Green Acres Project Number: 0717-23-014 and 0717-23-UPG
Project Name: Metcalf Park Improvements
Orange City Township, Essex County

Dear Mayor Warren:

I am pleased to inform you that the N.J. Department of Environmental Protection and the Garden State Preservation Trust (GSPT) have approved Orange City Township's application for a Green Acres non-matching grant of \$481,590 and a non-matching Urban Parks grant of \$500,000. This funding is contingent upon the passage of a legislative appropriation.

Preserving land, improving local parks and stewarding our natural resources are critical components of our efforts to ensure high quality, close-to-home recreation opportunities and open space for all residents. This project represents a significant step toward our shared goal of protecting and enhancing New Jersey's quality of life, and I congratulate you.

Green Acres staff will contact you directly and provide further information to guide you through this project. We look forward to working with Orange City Township toward the successful completion of this important undertaking.

Sincerely,

Shawn M. LaTourette
Commissioner